

able from the northern tung oil obtained from *A. fordii*. In view of the increasing use for this oil southern Florida may become a domestic source of supply through the growth of the southern species.

Vicary Gibbs has given us his Aldenham flowering apple (*Malus sylvestris*, No. 56693), said to be a chance hybrid originating at Aldenham and one of the very finest of all the red-flowered apples, for our parks and dooryards. He has sent also seeds of *Stranvaesia davidiana* (Nos. 56695 and 56696), a handsome bush or small standard tree which is evergreen and hardy at Washington and because of its bright foliage worthy of a place in any small garden.

After many years of fruitless effort there have been collected at last, through the kindness of C. T. White, Government botanist of Queensland, the seeds of the two unusually hardy species of *Garcinia*, *G. mestoni* (No. 56699) and *G. gibbsiae* (No. 56698), both native to the forests of the Bellenden Ker Hills of Queensland at altitudes of 2,000 feet. Since these may grow better in southern Florida than the more tropical species of *garcinias*, they have a special interest for those interested in the establishment of the mangosteen in the Western Hemisphere. *Garcinia mestoni* has a large, very juicy fruit of a pleasant acid flavor, but ripe fruits of *G. gibbsiae* have not yet been eaten by any collector who could describe its character. Although the seeds sent by Mr. White failed to live, he is now growing plants in Brisbane for shipment to America.

Thirty-six seedling sweet-potato varieties (*Ipomoea batatas*, Nos. 56710 to 56745) from plantings of the Big Wig, Key West "yam," and Black Rock varieties which it is believed were crossed naturally, for trial in the sweet-potato regions of this country, were sent by J. B. Thompson, of St. Croix, Virgin Islands.

Consul Charles E. Allen, of Damascus, sent a collection of apple varieties (*Malus sylvestris*, Nos. 56746 to 56755) from the Plain of Zebdani, which lies northwest of Damascus and is 3,500 feet above the sea. It is possible that some of these may prove better adapted to the Mohave Desert apple region of California than are the Jonathan, Rome Beauty, Yellow Newtown, and other varieties now being tried there.

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